

BERNSTORFF IN VISIT TO STATE DEPT.

German Envoy Holds Conference With Secretary Lansing Regarding Latest Message From Berlin on Sinking of Arabic.

Orduna Attack a Mistake Due to Fog, Says Note Just Received—Commander Exceeded His Authority, is Berlin's Note.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Secretary Lansing announced today, after a conference with President Wilson, that no decision had yet been reached by the United States on Germany's proposal to arbitrate the Arabic case.

It was indicated in official quarters that Germany and the United States agree that to arbitrate the question of indemnity involves arbitrating the justification and the facts.

Secretary Lansing, after his visit to the President, returned to the state department to await his conference with Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. The conference began at noon.

It was generally believed that before the United States will enter into formal negotiations on the Arabic case in particular or in any phase of the general subject which might include the sinking of the Lusitania, it will be necessary first to confirm Germany's assurance of the cessation of attack by submarines on liners.

ORDUNA ATTACK MISTAKE, SAYS BERLIN'S NOTE

Washington, Sept. 13.—Germany's explanation of the unsuccessful attempt to destroy the Cunard liner Orduna, on July 2 is that the submarine commander violated his instructions, which were not to attack the liner but that, because of weather he was unable to make out the character or nationality of the Orduna.

The Orduna, bound from Liverpool to New York with 23 of her passengers Americans, was attacked by a torpedo which barely missed her and then was shelled by the submarine until she was out of range.

To substantiate the statement that the German commander was inclined to follow his orders, it is stated that he soon after allowed the steamer Normandie, carrying a cargo of lumber to pass unharmed.

The German explanation, which comes in the form of a note, was laid before President Wilson today by Secretary Lansing and may figure in discussion of the submarine issue with Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

DUMBA PACKING UP AT HOME IN LENOX.

Lenox, Mass., Sept. 13.—The ambassador of Austria-Hungary, Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, whose recall was requested by President Wilson, was preparing today to leave his summer-home here within a very short time. He has engaged a furniture packer of Pittsfield to prepare his personal effects for shipment and has also notified his chauffeur that he would not require his services after the end of the week.

It was said at the office of the embassy staff today that no formal statement on Dr. Dumba's recall was ready for publication.

MISS STAFFORD IN COURT WHEN BYRNES IS TRIED

Landscape Gardener Who Shot Singer Is Held For Superior Court.

Miss Mary Stafford, 441 Fairview avenue, appeared in city court today as a witness when Patrick J. Byrnes, the eccentric landscape gardener who has been a boarder in the Stafford home for many years, was arraigned for assault with intent to kill, committed by shooting Miss Stafford, last week.

Miss Stafford appeared almost completely recovered from the murderous attack. She did not want Byrnes prosecuted, but merely wished something done to protect the community and herself from further attack.

Byrnes was held for trial in the Superior court, in bail of \$2,000. Judge Bartlett declining to take jurisdiction by naming a lunacy commission. It is believed that physicians to examine Byrnes will be named when the case reaches trial in the Superior court.

That Miss Stafford escaped dangerous, if not fatal injury, because the bullet of Byrnes' .38 calibre pistol struck an ornament in her hair, and was thereby deflected, became known today.

B. H. S. CONTRACT TO BE ABROGATED

City Attorney's Aid Invoked When Workmen Quit Job—Durkin & Laas Given Alternative of Completing Work or Standing Aside—Bonding Company Refuses to Sanction Further Payments to Durkin & Laas.

With practically the last vestige of work stopped on the new high school building, no further funds available in the city treasury for Durkin & Laas, and the bonding company refusing to permit any more money to be paid contractors by the city until the work has been fully completed, a crisis has been reached which has caused the contracts to be submitted to the city attorney and special action called for at the board of education meeting tonight.

When 150 laborers on the new high school building quit this morning because they refused to give their services to the contractors and await payment until the building was accepted by the city, the real facts underlying the hand-to-mouth financing that has characterized the work since its inception came to light.

It was learned from Elmer S. Havens, president of the board of education, that 85 per cent of the contract price for the school already has been paid. A balance of 15 per cent amounting to about \$50,000, is held up by the company bonding Contractors Durkin & Laas. Unless Durkin & Laas or someone else representing the company are willing to finance the remainder of the work, the time limit for completion of work will lapse and the architect will have the right to substitute other contractors. Foreseeing such a situation the contractors already have been placed in the hands of City Attorney Connelley who will render his report to the board of education tonight.

Durkin & Laas were represented in this city last week in an endeavor to have the work continued under their supervision. Intimations were made then that the board of education will take radical steps to have the school completed under the contract agreements.

A meeting of the work of completing the building together with payments that might have to be made in Robertson & Giovanni's suit and other outstanding obligations would greatly exceed in cost the amount of \$50,000 now held by the city, was at once put to rest by a statement from Richard Murphy, agent for Durkin & Laas, in this city.

"Durkin & Laas have met every obligation incurred by them to date," he stated. "The \$6,000 due to Robertson & Giovanni will be paid by the

SECRET SERVICE NEW GUARDIAN IS NAMED FOR YOUTH KING VICTIMIZED

Fortune in Penalties Imposed For Violations of War Tax Provisions.

Flagrant violations of the federal emergency income tax law in Bridgeport and the vicinity have resulted in wholesale confiscations of liquor and fines by the Internal Revenue Department at Washington in lieu of criminal prosecution.

So prevalent has been the practice of some liquor dealers in this district which extends from New Haven to Greenwich and far inland to avoid affixing the stamps on wines, cordials and other concoctions sold from bottles that the government has deemed it necessary to send six secret service agents into the section in order to put a stop to the violations.

It is known that nearly 100 confiscations of liquor found to be untaxed, with consequent fines, have been imposed in Bridgeport alone. Wholesalers have figured largely in the catches made by government agents at least two clubs are known to be on the list now before the chief of the Internal Revenue Department at Washington.

The emergency income tax which went into effect January 1, 1915, requires that all bottles of wine, cordials and mixed drinks in a retail establishment or club shall bear special stamps, except those locked in storerooms, separate from the retail section. Bottles on bars from which wine is poured must also have new stamps affixed each time they are refilled.

Apparently so easy was it for a bartender or other clerk to refill a bottle when it was not suspected, a government agent was present that the practice became common. But retail liquor dealers forgot that wholesalers were compelled to furnish secret service men with figures of the quantities of wines and other cordials sold, in consequence of which the retailers were easily caught when a comparison of cancelled stamps and gauges of stocks on hand were made.

It is estimated that Bridgeport retailers have already paid the government nearly \$10,000 in fines which cancellation of the law is to be enforced and it will behoove all saloonkeepers, clubs and other retailers of this class of liquor to live strictly within the statute.

James G. Sentementes, who kept a fruit and candy store at 12 Fairfield avenue, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$5,298.34 and assets \$1,551.65. No date has yet been assigned for a hearing.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy. Moderate east and southeast winds.

ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLAND AGAIN; LITTLE DAMAGE

Airships Swoop Down in Night and Drop Bombs on East Coast.

BULGARIA RECALLS RESERVISTS ABROAD

Neutral Ship Attacked By Submarine, Is Report to Copenhagen.

London, Sept. 13.—Another Zeppelin raid was made over the east coast of England last night. There were no casualties.

The attack is described in the following official statement:

"The east coast was again visited by hostile air craft last night (the 12th-13th). Bombs were dropped but there were no casualties and the only damage reported is that some telegraph wires are down and glass is broken."

NAVAL BATTLE IN ADRIATIC.

Rome, Sept. 13.—A battle between Italian and Austrian naval forces, the former assisted by a French submarine, occurred on Thursday, last, in the Adriatic Sea. The ministry of marine announced today that one Austrian torpedo boat had been damaged seriously.

BULGARIANS ARE RECALLED.

Rome, Sept. 13.—All Bulgarian reservists in Italy have been recalled to the colors. Transportation expenses are being defrayed through the legation here.

NEUTRAL SHIP ATTACKED.

London, Sept. 13.—An attack with gunfire on a neutral ship by a German submarine everywhere except along the Galician frontier, where the Russians report a further success.

VON HINDENBURG LEADS DRIVE TO CROSS DVINA

London, Sept. 13.—The Austro-German armies on the eastern front still striving for definite results, are making progress everywhere except along the Galician frontier, where the Russians report a further success.

In the north, where the Russian line has been strengthened by a withdrawal of forces, Field Marshal von Hindenburg is directing a violent drive towards Dvinsk and a crossing of the Dvina. In the center, Crown Prince Leopold has forced his way over the Slobianka and is attacking in the vicinity of Skidel. In the south, Field Marshal von Mackensen, on both sides of the Pinsk railroad, is pressing eastward towards the town.

These movements have resulted in the capture of several thousand Russians. The final objective of the central powers in this campaign is still a matter of conjecture, but General Ruzsky, commander of the northern Russian army, declares positively that there is no danger that Petrograd will fall this year before the sun of the invaders.

On the other fronts there is little to report. It appears to be established that Bulgaria has struck a bargain with Turkey and Premier Radostoff, in response to an appeal of the Armenians, stated that Sofia is now on the most friendly terms with Constantinople.

In the Balkans and in Italy rumors are again current of an Austro-German offensive movement towards Constantinople.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED IN CARTRIDGE SHOP

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 13.—When the plant of the United States Cartridge Company re-opened for the week last midnight, several hundred employees refused to return to work. Representatives of the men said that they wished to secure Sunday nights off and a fifteen percent increase in wages.

The company employees about 5,000 hands. The strikers paraded through the city and held a meeting at their rooms.

CANFIELD RUBBER CO. STRIKERS ARE ALL BACK AT SHOP

All the employees of the Canfield Rubber Co. returned to work this morning under the new conditions that guarantee them the eight hours, better working conditions and recognition of a committee to review their grievances.

The H. O. Canfield Co. plant was picketed this morning and the girls promised the men that they would not go back to work at noon. The machine room workers remain out.

About 2,000 Mexicans have left the Brownsville section of Texas, and gone back to their homes in Mexico.

RETURN OF PATTERN MAKERS BREAKS STRIKE AT CRANE CO.

EFFORT UNDER WAY TO BREAK GRAPHOPHONE STRIKERS' RANKS; INVESTIGATE ALLEGED SPYING

At the mass meeting of American Graphophone Co. strikers this morning in Eagles' hall, the charge was made that influences are at work to break up the strikers' ranks, composed of the various nationalities represented.

The strikers who speak the Hungarian language were warned this morning that they will probably be called together in a mass meeting before the end of the week, by persons representing the company, and that statements will be made to them with the object of getting them back to work.

The assertion was also made this morning that a gorygymen in the West End has interested himself in the strike and that yesterday he urged the Hungarian parishioners to return to the Graphophone Co.

More quit today at the plant. It was reported at the meeting that transfer clerks were ordered to work in the shipping room and they quit.

Only three went into the special department, the pickets said at the meeting. The pickets from the screw and polishers' department reported

WATERBURY MACHINE SHOPS HIT BY STRIKES; OTHER PLANTS GIVE IN TO DEMANDS MADE BY UNIONS

Waterbury, Sept. 13.—Two threatened strikes of the machinists and toolmakers took place this morning, workmen employed at the factories of the Waterbury Farrel Foundry and Machine Company and the E. J. Manville Machine Company striking for an eight hour day, time and a half for overtime and double time for Sunday and holidays. Neither plant is closed.

The Farrel Foundry employs 445 men. Just 188 of the 224 machinists and apprentices employed by the E. J. Manville Machine Company walked out of the factory at 9 o'clock.

A meeting of the strikers is scheduled for this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The 400 employees of the tubing department of the Benedict & Burnham branch of the American Brass Company, struck last week, have not returned to work as yet. The factory of the Randolph Clowes Company, which has been closed since Tuesday morning reopened this morning. The strikers went back to work, having been granted shorter hours and more pay. About 250 were out of work because of this strike.

About 80 of the 90 strikers at the plant of the A. H. Wells & Company, tubing manufacturers, returned to work today, as did 150 employees of the Waterbury Rolling Mills, the men receiving in each case a 10 per cent increase, 55 hours a week instead of 50 and time and a half for overtime work.

NEW HAVEN PAPER BOX PLANT CLOSED; RAILROAD ASHMEN OUT

New Haven, Sept. 13.—The plant of the National Folding Box & Paper Company here is closed today as the result of the strike of 450 girls on Saturday. The entire force which did not strike, had to be laid off because about 150 girls were in a department which did the finishing.

The strikers met today and were formed into a union by National officers of the Boxmakers and organizers of the American Federation of Labor.

During the morning thirty ashmen employed in the roundhouse of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, left at the Cedar Hill freight yard, left their work after demanding an in-

BURNS & BASSICK EMPLOYEES TO HAVE MEETING TONIGHT

Burns Says His Company Has Given Workers All They've Asked For.

"I'm not saying that we will and I'm not saying that we won't," said Wilbur F. Burns, vice-president of the Burns & Bassick Co., this afternoon when asked if the company is planning to make wage changes in accordance with the requests of the strikers.

Mr. Burns said the company has given the workers everything they asked for. No changes since the eight hour day was granted have been made, however.

Burns & Bassick employees will meet tonight at Machinists' hall. They said they expected an answer from the company today. It is understood that the strikers want wage increases.

"They haven't made any requests," said Mr. Burns. He was reminded of the meetings that are being held, but he said he could not understand why details of the meetings are printed.

THIEF TAKES \$22.

White Louis Goldstein, a grocer of 214 Hallett street, was watching something else besides the till yesterday afternoon, somebody stole \$22. He has reported the theft to the police.

Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad, declared in an interview at Boston that he favored Germany in the war because of its efficiency.

Many Hundred Go Back to Work This Morning When Action of Patternmakers' Union Becomes Known Among the Unorganized Workers.

GRAPHOPHONE CLERKS BALK AT SHOP WORK

Strikers in Meeting Declare They Are Being Spied Upon—Tell of Efforts to Break Strike Through Play Upon Nationalities.

The return to work of the Crane Co. patternmakers virtually broke the strike at that plant this morning, when the skilled men obeyed the orders received from their New York headquarters.

Including the patternmakers, more than 600 workmen returned to the West End plant. No concessions will be made at this time, according to W. E. Allen, general superintendent of the plant.

At a mass meeting of the American Graphophone Co. employees this morning it was learned that spies are constantly in attendance at the gatherings of the strikers and strikers' committees. Several suspects were grilled this morning, but none was disclosed.

Investigation was begun today by the American Federation of Labor of assertions that contractors are paying their teamsters partly in beer checks. A more deplorable custom is attributed to one contractor and efforts will be made to interfere.

Trouble is threatened at the Bullard Machine Tool Co., where complaints are being made of the sanitary conditions and of the wages paid the men who come here from out of town. No hasty action will be taken however, because the attitude of the company hitherto has been conciliatory.

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No concessions were made at the Burns & Bassick Co. by the management, according to Vice President Wilbur F. Burns. The workmen will meet tonight to consider the situation.

John J. Flynn, vice president of the Metal Polishers' union, announced this morning that the entire executive board will come here Monday.

A mass meeting of Bryant Electric Co. employees will be held Thursday evening at Eagles' hall because the agreement with the company is not working as smoothly as wished by some.

The Max Ams Co. has joined with the eight-hour plants. Nearly everything asked by the men has been granted and a final report will be made by the shop committee Wednesday night.

According to a report at Machinists' hall, the Yale students at the American Chain Co., have not yet left but are expected to leave Friday. No change has been recorded there.

An open air meeting was held this noon at the Baird Machine Co., at which everybody, including the officials of the plant, was present. Representatives of the machinists' local addressed the meeting. No requests will be made of that concern for a week, at least.